GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:28.03.2017
Rise in Prices of Pulses
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of abnormal rise in prices of various pulses and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the production, demand and availability of pulses during the last two years, year and State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has laid any roadmap for the procurement of pulses so as to reduce the impact of shortage of pulses and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the quantum and value of pulses imported during the above period, country-wise; and
(e) the steps taken to attain self-sufficiency in pulses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*370 FOR 28.03.2017 REGARDING RISE IN PRICES OF PULSES.

(a) : Details of the change in prices of major pulses are at Annexure-I.

(b) : The overall production, demand and availability of pulses during the last two years are as below.

Production, Demand and Availability of Pulses in million metric tonnes (MMT)
Item/Period 2014-15 2015-16
Production(MMT) 17.15 16.35
Demand (MMT) 22.68 23.62
Imports(MMT) 4.58 5.79
Exports 0.22 0.26
Availability (MMT) 21.51 21.88
Sources:- Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MOAFW) ; Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS),M/o Commerce & Industry (MOCI); erstwhile Planning Commission

There are no official estimates for State-wise annual demand of pulses. The production of pulses, State-wise during the same period are at Annexure-II.

(c) : The Government has approved creation of a buffer stock of pulses of upto 20 lakh tonnes for effective market intervention through domestic procurement and imports. As on 22.03.2017, Government has created a buffer of around 16.25 lakh tonnes of pulses including 12.46 lakh tonnes of domestic procurement and 3.79 lakh tonnes of imports.

(d) : India imported 4.58 million tonnes of pulses in 2014-15 at value of $ 2.79 billion or ? 17,063 crores and 5.80 million tonnes of pulses in 2015-16 at value of $ 3.90 billion or ? 25,619 crores. The country-wise details are at Annexure-III.

(e) : For enhancing domestic production of pulses, Government is implementing a number of plan schemes/programmes and include among others National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), etc. In addition, Government has been regularly increasing the Minimum Support Price (inclusive of Bonus) for pulses in recent years.
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